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SUBJECT: USG POSITION AT RECENT QUITO MFM

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C) QUITO 7801; D) USIA WIRELESS FILE NO. 43 OF

NOVEMBER 13, 1974.

1. RE STATEMENT THAT USG EXERTED QUOTE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE
UNQUOTE TO INFLUENCE VOTES AT RECENT QUITO MFM, EMBASSY MAY
DRAW UPON FOLLOWING IN CONVERSATION WITH GOV OFFICIALS AND
OTHERS:

2. WE DID NOT WANT TO PRE-JUDGE DELIBERATIONS OR OUTCOME
AT QUITO. FOR THIS REASON, OUR DELEGATION REFRAINED FROM
URGING OTHER MEMBERS HOW TO VOTE OR MAKING ITS FINAL
DECISION KNOWN BEFOREHAND.

3. IN NOVEMBER 12 QUITO PRESS CONFERENCE (REF C),

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS POINTED OUT THAT USG POSTURE

WAS NOT TO PRESSURE ANY COUNTRY WITH RESPECT TO OUR POINT OF VIEW ABOUT ISSUES AT MEETING AND HOW THAT COUNTRY OUGHT TO VOTE. THIS NON-ARM-TWISTING POSTURE WAS ANNOUNCED LONG BEFORE MEETING BEGAN AND FOLLOWED THROUGHOUT ITS COURSE, BOTH IN MEETING ROOM ITSELF AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAID, QUOTE THE REASONS OTHER COUNTRIES VOTED THE WAY THEY DID WERE EXPLAINED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE COUNTRIES. IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT THEY DID NOT VOTE THE WAY THEY DID JUST BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES WAS VOTING THE WAY IT DID. THEY VOTED THE WAY THEY DID, AS I THINK MINISTER BLANCO IN PARTICULAR EXPRESSED VERY CLEARLY AS FAR AS URUGUAY WAS CONCERNED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT PERSUADED THAT CUBA HAS AN EQUALLY NEUTRAL ATTITUDE WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS WITHIN URUGUAY. IN THE CASE OF ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, THEY TOOK THE POSITIONS THEY TOOK FOR THE REASONS THEY TOOK THEM, AND THE MERE FACT THAT COUNTRY X IS IN ONE CATEGORY AND COUNTRY Y IS IN ANOTHER, I REGARD AS HAVING LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE. END QUOTE.

5. IN EXPLAINING USG VOTE NOVEMBER 12 AT QUITO MEETING, DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL SAID (REF D) QUOTE WE RESPECT THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY WHO HAVE VOTED FOR THIS RESOLUTION. WE HAVE NOT VOTED NO AND WE HAVE NOT WORKED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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